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	Devices Can Assert Bus	§		
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 3, 2004****AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.